

AL-V-B-110  
Orndorf Board and Batten  
Route 36 near Mount Savage  
1860's-1870's

Orndorf Board and Batten is located in the northeastern section of the Georges Creek mining region. It was probably built shortly after the Civil War when coal companies of the area were experiencing a boom in business. Many buildings built by the coal companies or the miners themselves were board and batten structures. In this isolated part of the coal region it stands as a reminder of the way of life experienced by miners of western Allegany County.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Orndorf Board and Batten

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Route 36

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Mount Savage

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegheny

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☒ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☒ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
☒ ACCESSIBLE  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☒ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Grace T. Orndorf

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1 Box 214

CITY, TOWN

Mount Savage

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21545

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

Liber #: 489

Folio #: 952

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE  
Maryland 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☒ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Orndorf Board and Batten is located on the south side of Jennings Run east of Mount Savage.

The building consists of a rectangular, two story, three bays wide frame structure with board and batten. It rests on a low stone foundation of random rubble with no apparent water table. The gable flank roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of a close overhang with a frieze. An interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap is original.

A two paneled door in the center of the northern facade is the main entrance. Windows are six over six lights pegged. The front porch has been removed. A shed addition is on the south.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Orndorf Board and Batten is located in the northeastern section of the Georges' Creek mining region. It was probably built shortly after the civil war when coal compainies of the area experienced a boom in business. (1) The house is near the Parker Vein Coal Company's "mining village of Barelville." (2) Even closer were the Mount Savage George's Creek Coal Company's number one mine and the Potomac Coal Company's Cassanave Mine. (3)

Many of the buildings built for miners by the coal companies or by the miners themselves were board and batten structures. In this area that is isolated from the heart of the coal region it stands as a reminder of a way of life experienced by the coal miners of Western Maryland.

- (1) Katherine Harvey, The Best Dressed Miners, Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910. Ithaca Cornell University Press, 1969 p-78
- (2) Ibid. p.77
- (3) Harry Stegmaier, et al. Allegany County-A History (Parsons W Va.: McClain Printing Co.) pp 306-307

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6.6 Acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

June 7, 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

MAP 138 Parcel 138  
REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

205

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NAME OF PROPERTY:

ORNDORF BOARD & BATTEN

LOCATION OF PROPERTY:

S of 36 W of Bonelville

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES:

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NAME OF OWNER:

GRACE T. ORNDORF 489/452 G.G.A

ADDRESS:

RT 1 BOX 241 Mt Savage Md.  
264 415 used at Barn

STORIES: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

S Shed no foundation

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS:

LOCATION: center N 2 panel  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick( ) Stone( ) Corbeled( ) original( ) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

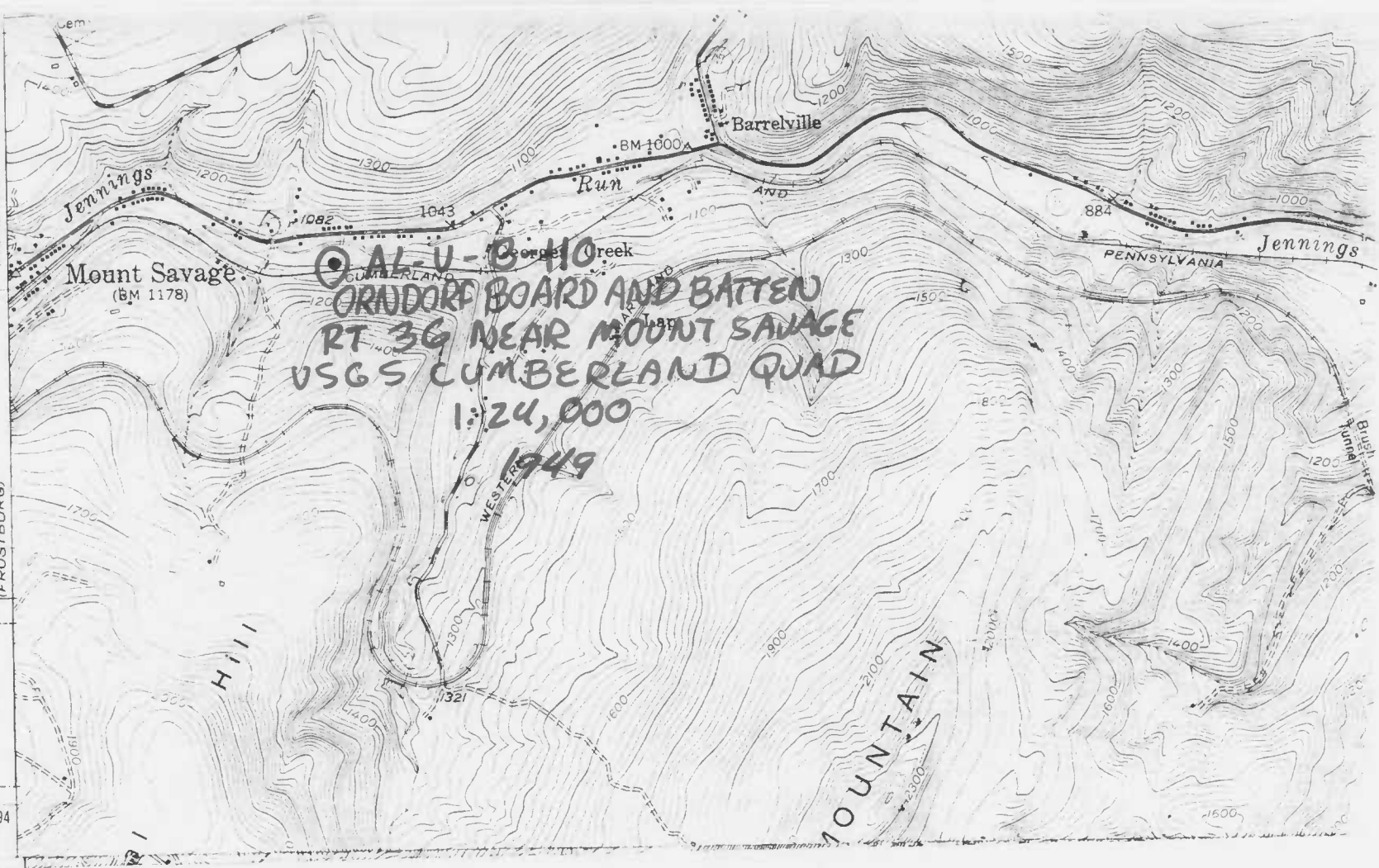
USE:  
SIGNIFICANCE:  
DATE CONSTRUCTED:  
CONDITION:

4397

5263 III NW  
(FROSTBURG)

5263 III NW  
(FROSTBURG)

4394



Jennings

Mount Savage  
(BM 1178)

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ORNDORF BOARD AND BATTEN  
RT 36 NEAR MOUNT SAVAGE  
VSGS CUMBERLAND QUAD  
1:24,000  
1949

Barrelville

Run

AND

PENNSYLVANIA

Jennings

HILL

MOUNTAIN





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ORDORF BOARD & BATTEN  
RT 36 NEAR MOUNT SAVAGE  
DAVID A DORSEY

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